

Mr. Chairman, first and foremost, America is an ideal, and that ideal is that all of us are created equal and endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights, and the first one of those is the right to live. Our men and women across the centuries have fought and died to uphold that ideal.

Now, suddenly, to turn the hospitals that we set forth to deal with their needs overseas into abortion clinics abrogates everything that they fought and died for. It is an undermining of everything that America is.

Our foundation is to be able to look to people across the world and say that in America, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, life, liberty and property, these basic rights are something that we will protect.

I hear the other side often using terms like ``safe," ``legal," ``clean," but it ignores one absolute reality, and that is that every time an abortion takes place, a nameless little baby dies a lonely, tragic death, a mother is never the same, and everything that child might have brought to humanity is lost forever.

God help us not to turn our military hospitals into abortion clinics, and to stain the very foundations of this Nation with the blood of our own children.